

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

**AMENDMENT DATE:** April 12, 2010  
**POSITION:** Oppose

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 1202  
**AUTHOR:** M. DeSaulnier  
**RELATED BILLS:** SCA 4

### **BILL SUMMARY:** Elections: Statewide Ballot Pamphlet

This bill would require the Secretary of State (SOS) to include, in the state ballot pamphlet (for each state measure, as provided) a list of the five highest contributors to each committee formed primarily to support the measure, as well as the total amount of their contributions, as of 110 days before Election Day. This bill also would require a statement following the list specifying that the list reflects only the highest contributors as of 110 days before Election Day.

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

According to the SOS, the additional information that this measure would require to be printed on the ballot pamphlet could increase the number of pages in the pamphlet, depending on various factors, including (but not limited to) the number of measures on the ballot and the length of each analysis prepared by the Legislative Analyst. The ballot pamphlet is formatted in 16-page increments. Depending on the variables, this could provide extra pages that may be utilized or could result in having to use an additional 16-page increment. To the extent that additional pages are required, this would result in additional General Fund costs. Based on historical costs, the SOS notes that the average cost per page is approximately \$66,000.

### **COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because it would create a General Fund pressure (to the extent that additional pages are required to be printed in the state ballot pamphlet).

This bill is double-jointed and would incorporate changes made by Senate Constitutional Amendment 4 (SCA 4) that would become operative if both measures are enacted and this bill is enacted after SCA 4.

Existing law specifies the information that must be included in the statewide ballot pamphlet, including (but not limited to) a complete copy of each measure; a copy of the arguments and rebuttals for and against each state measure; a copy of the analysis of each state measure prepared by the Legislative Analyst; and tables of contents, indexes, art work, graphics, and other materials that the SOS determines will make the pamphlet easier to understand or more useful to the average voter.

This bill would require the top five contributors to each committee, formed primarily to support each state measure, to be disclosed in the state ballot pamphlet, as specified.

The Political Reform Act (Act), an initiative measure, generally provides that the Legislature may amend the Act to further the Act's purposes upon a 2/3 vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements. The Act also provides that, notwithstanding this requirement, the Legislature may amend specified provisions to add to the ballot pamphlet information regarding candidates or other information.

This bill, which would require additional information to be included in the pamphlet, would only require a majority vote.

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Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	Code
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